

St. Martin's Lutheran Church
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Seventh Sunday after Pentecost
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John the Baptist speaks truth to the face of power, and Herod had him beheaded. Being blessed by Christ, holy and blameless, adopted as God's children, and marked with the seal of the Spirit, we who are baptized can praise God's glory and face down the Herods of this world.

Regular text is spoken by the Worship Leader or Pastor
Bold text is spoken by the Congregation

PRELUDE

"Let All Things Now Living" – arr. R. Hobby

BELL & ANNOUNCEMENTS

*OPENING HYMN

"Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation"

1 Christ is made the sure foun - da - tion, Christ, our head and cor - ner - stone,
2 To this tem - ple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts, and stay;
3 Grant, we pray, to all your faith - ful all the gifts they ask to gain;
4 Praise and hon - or to the Fa - ther, praise and hon - or to the Son,

cho - sen of the Lord and pre - cious, bind - ing all the church in one;
come, with all your lov - ing - kind - ness, hear your peo - ple as they pray;
what they gain from you for - ev - er with the bless - ed to re - tain;
praise and hon - or to the Spir - it, ev - er three and ev - er one:

ho - ly Zi - on's help for - ev - er and our con - fi - dence a - lone.
and your full - est ben - e - dic - tion shed with - in these walls to - day.
and here - af - ter in your glo - ry ev - er - more with you to reign.
one in might and one in glo - ry while un - end - ing a - ges run!

***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

We gather in the name of the Father, and of the Son, + and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, our secrets are not hidden from you. You know what's in our hearts.

We stand in the presence of your mercy knowing that we have made bad choices in our lives. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts as we confess our sin to you and to one another.

Silence for reflection

Merciful God,

we confess that we cannot save ourselves from the power of sin, but we still trust in ourselves and not in you.

Gracious God,

forgive the envy we have of others in their happiness.

Merciful God,

forgive our indifference to those around us that need our help.

Gracious God,

forgive the things we have done to harm others and the things we have failed to do to prevent harm.

Have mercy on us, O God,

forgive our sins, renew our lives and lead us to faithful service in your holy name. Amen

God is gracious and merciful, forgiving sins without number, welcoming all to the feast, and giving us a place among the saints. Through Jesus Christ, who went to the cross for our sake, we are forgiven and made whole. Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another as God in Christ forgave you.

(Ephesians 4:32)

Amen

***GREETING AND PRAYER OF THE DAY**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. *(2 Corinthians 13:13)*

And also with you.

Gracious and holy God, Creator, and giver of life, you have called all people from darkness to light, from death into life. Grant grace to your servants. Raise us by your Spirit. Revive us by your Word. Form us by your hand. May we, who have been adopted as your children through Christ, live for the praise of his glory, now and forever.

Amen

THE CHURCH LISTENS

FIRST READING

Amos 7:7-15

⁷ This is what he showed me: The Lord was standing by a wall that had been built true to plumb, with a plumb line in his hand.

⁸ And the LORD asked me, "What do you see, Amos?"

"A plumb line," I replied.

Then the Lord said, "Look, I am setting a plumb line among my people Israel; I will spare them no longer.⁹ The high places of Isaac will be destroyed, and the sanctuaries of Israel will be ruined; with my sword I will rise against the house of Jeroboam."

¹⁰ Then Amaziah the priest of Bethel sent a message to Jeroboam king of Israel: "Amos is raising a conspiracy against you in the very heart of Israel. The land cannot bear all his words. ¹¹ For this is what Amos is saying:

"Jeroboam will die by the sword, and Israel will surely go into exile, away from their native land."

¹² Then Amaziah said to Amos, "Get out, you seer! Go back to the land of Judah. Earn your bread there and do your prophesying there. ¹³ Don't prophesy anymore at Bethel, because this is the king's sanctuary and the temple of the kingdom."

¹⁴ Amos answered Amaziah, "I was neither a prophet nor the son of a prophet, but I was a shepherd, and I also took care of sycamore-fig trees. ¹⁵ But the LORD took me from tending the flock and said to me, 'Go, prophesy to my people Israel.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY

PSALM 85:8-13

The Refrain will be introduced by the Leader, then repeated by the Congregation and after each verse

Lord, let us see your kind-ness, and

grant us your sal-va-tion.

I will hear what God proclaims. The Lord proclaims peace to His people. Near indeed is His salvation to those who fear Him, glory dwelling in our land. REFRAIN

Kindness and truth shall meet. Justice and peace shall kiss. Truth shall spring out of the earth. Justice shall look down from heaven. REFRAIN

The Lord himself will give His benefits. Our land shall yield its increase. Justice shall walk before Him and prepare the way of His steps. REFRAIN

SECOND READING

Ephesians 1:3–14

³Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, ⁴just as he chose us in Christ before the foundation of the world to be holy and blameless before him in love. ⁵He destined us for adoption as his children through Jesus Christ, according to the good pleasure of his will, ⁶to the praise of his glorious grace that he freely bestowed on us in the Beloved. ⁷In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace ⁸that he lavished on us. With all wisdom and insight ⁹he has made known to us the mystery of his will, according to his good pleasure that he set forth in Christ, ¹⁰as a plan for the fullness of time, to gather up all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth. ¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION – *please sing two times*

Hal-le, hal - le, hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal -
- le - lu - jah. Hal - le, hal - le, hal - le -
lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah. Hal - le - lu - jah.

***HOLY GOSPEL**

Mark 6:14-29

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord!

¹⁴King Herod heard of it, for Jesus' name had become known. Some were saying, "John the baptizer has been raised from the dead; and for this reason these powers are at work in him." ¹⁵But others said, "It is Elijah." And others said, "It is a prophet, like one of the prophets of old." ¹⁶But when Herod heard of it, he said, "John, whom I beheaded, has been raised."

¹⁷For Herod himself had sent men who arrested John, bound him, and put him in prison on account of Herodias, his brother Philip's wife, because Herod had married her. ¹⁸For John had been telling Herod, "It is not lawful for you to have your brother's wife." ¹⁹And Herodias had a grudge against him, and wanted to kill him. But she could not, ²⁰for Herod feared John, knowing that he was a righteous and holy man, and he protected him. When he heard him, he was greatly perplexed; and yet he liked to listen to him. ²¹But an opportunity came when Herod on his birthday gave a banquet for his courtiers and officers and for the leaders of Galilee. ²²When his daughter Herodias came in and danced, she pleased Herod and his guests; and the king said to the girl, "Ask me for whatever you wish, and I will give it." ²³And he solemnly swore to her, "Whatever you ask me, I will give you, even half of my kingdom." ²⁴She went out and said to her mother, "What should I ask for?" She replied, "The head of John the baptizer." ²⁵Immediately she rushed back to the king and requested, "I want you to give me at once the head of John the Baptist on a platter." ²⁶The king was deeply grieved; yet out of regard for his oaths and for the guests, he did not want to refuse her. ²⁷Immediately the king sent a soldier of the guard with orders to bring John's head. He went and beheaded him in the prison, ²⁸brought his head on a platter, and gave it to the girl. Then the girl gave it to her mother. ²⁹When his disciples heard about it, they came and took his body, and laid it in a tomb.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ!

MESSAGE

“Where’s the Good News in This?”

THE CHURCH RESPONDS

*HYMN OF THE DAY

“Baptized and Set Free”



1 We are peo - ple cre - at - ed, cho - sen by God.
2 We are fed and we're nour - ished, filled and re - freshed.
3 We are nour - ished by wa - ter, all liv - ing things,
4 Now with praise and thanks - giv - ing, we join the song.



Then we're washed, ev - er gent - ly, in mer - cy and love.
Then our hun - ger re - turns and a - gain we are blessed.
and by life that the Spir - it a - bun - dant - ly brings.
All are wel - come! We gath - er to sing loud and strong.



Sin has pow - er no more. Je - sus o - pened the door
For what - ev - er the need, God is great - er in - deed:
As we jour - ney toward home, may your pres - ence be known:
Not en - slaved, but set free! From now on, all will be



to a foun - tain bring - ing heal - ing, and whole - ness and more.
end - less o - cean, al - ways deep - er than all of our need.
pre - cious riv - er, ev - er - flow - ing, now car - ry us home.
one in Je - sus, one in wa - ter, bap - tized and set free!

HOLY BAPTISM FOR BOEDE DAVID WYSE

P = Pastor

R = response of the parents and sponsors

C = Congregation

P: God, who is rich in mercy and love, gives us a new birth into a living hope through the sacrament of baptism. The power of sin is put to death in these waters, and we are raised with Jesus Christ to new life. We are united with all the baptized in the one body of Christ, anointed with the gift of the Holy Spirit, and joined in God's mission for the life of the world.

P: Called by the Holy Spirit, trusting in the grace and love of God, do you desire to have Boede baptized into Christ?

R: *We do*

P: As you bring Boede to receive the gift of baptism, you are entrusted with responsibilities: to live with him among God's faithful people, bring him to the word of God and the holy supper, teach him the Lord's Prayer, the Creed, and the Ten Commandments, place in his hands the holy scriptures, and nurture him in faith and prayer, so that he may learn to trust God, proclaim Christ through word and deed, care for others and the world God made, and work for justice and peace among all people.

Do you promise to help Boede grow in the Christian faith and life?

R: *We do.*

P: People of God, do you promise to support Boede and pray for him in his new life in Christ?

C: We do

P: I ask all of you gathered here today, Boede's parents, sponsors and faith community, to profess your faith in Christ, reject sin, and confess the faith of the church.

Do you renounce the devil and all the forces that defy God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce all the powers of this world that rebel against God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you renounce the ways of sin that draw you from God?

C: I renounce them.

P: Do you believe in God the Father?

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

P: Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

C: I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; He descended into hell. On the third day he rose again; He ascended into heaven, He is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

P: Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

C: I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.

Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family, and through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. In the river Jordan your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By the baptism of Jesus' death and resurrection you set us free from the power of sin and death and raise us up to live with you.

Pour out your Holy Spirit, the power of your living Word, that those who are washed in the waters of baptism may be given new life.

To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

C: Amen

P: Boede David Wyse, I baptize you in the name of the + Father, and of the + Son, and of the + Holy Spirit. Amen

P: Let us pray. We give you thanks, O God, that through water and the Holy Spirit you give your sons and daughters new birth, cleanse them from sin, and raise them to eternal life.

Sustain Boede with the gift of your Holy Spirit:

the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might,

the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord,

the spirit of joy in your presence, both now and forever. *(Isaiah 11:2)*

C: Amen

P: Boede, child of God, you have been sealed by the Holy Spirit and marked with the cross of Christ forever.

C: Amen

A lighted candle is given.

P: Let your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify your Father in heaven. *(Matthew 5:16)*

P: O God, the giver of all life, look with kindness upon Chandler and Ashton. Make them teachers and examples of righteousness for Boede. Strengthen them in their own Baptism so they may share eternally with him the salvation you have given them, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen

Gifts are presented from the congregation

P: Through Baptism God has made this new brother a member of the priesthood we all share in Christ Jesus, that we may proclaim the praise of God and bear God's creative and redeeming Word to all the world.

C: We welcome you into the Lord's family. We receive you as a fellow member of the body of Christ, child of the same heavenly Father, and worker with us in the kingdom of God.

***SHARING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

(We greet one another with the words "Peace be with you")

MUSICAL OFFERING

WOMEN'S ENSEMBLE

"I Am His Child" – Moses Hogan

*I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star
But what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.*

*Thank you, Lord for hearing every prayer,
Thank you, Lord for just being there,
Thank you, Lord for I am not worthy of your Love.*

*I may not be all that you are, I may not be a shining star
But what I am I thank the Lord for making me His child.
So don't use me or abuse me, for I am His child.
Don't tease me, or mistreat me, for I am still His child,
You can even talk about me. But I'm still His child.*

***PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

***THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

WE ARE SENT TO SERVE

*** BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless us and keep us.

The Lord make his face shine upon us and be gracious to us.

The Lord look upon us with favor and give us peace.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

*CLOSING HYMN

“Let All Things Now Living”



1 Let all things now liv - ing a song of thanks - giv - ing to
2 God rules all the forc - es: the stars in their cours - es and



God the cre - a - tor tri - um - phant - ly raise,
sun in its or - bit o - be - dient - ly shine;



who fash - ioned and made us, pro - tect - ed and stayed us, who
the hills and the moun - tains, the riv - ers and foun - tains, the



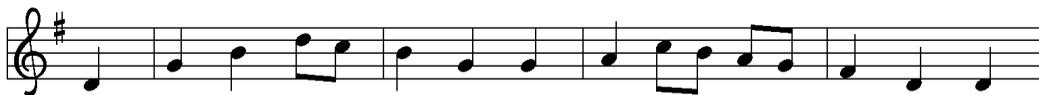
still guides us on to the end of our days.
deeps of the o - cean pro - claim God di - vine.



God's ban - ners are o'er us, God's light goes be -
We too should be voic - ing our love and re -



fore us, a pil - lar of fire shin - ing forth in the night,
joic - ing; with glad ad - o - ra - tion a song let us raise



till shad - ows have van - ished and dark - ness is ban - ished, as
till all things now liv - ing u - nite in thanks - giv - ing: “To



for - ward we trav - el from light in - to light.
God in the high - est, ho - san - na and praise!”

* DISMISSAL

Go in peace, serve the Lord!
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

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We Welcome All to St. Martin's Lutheran Church this Sunday as you join us in person and online to worship our Savior, Jesus Christ.

St. Martin's Worship Servants . . .

Ministers of Worship	-Everyone Present both near and far
Acolyte	-Miley Gericke
Worship Leader	-Caleb Wyse
Organist/Pianist	-Deacon Steve Basselman
Vocalist	-Courtney Grisier
Lector	-Brady Johns
Usher Team	-Jim Wyse
Altar Guild	-Joan Meyer, Janet Wyse
Sound System	-Darren Sonnenberg
Offering Counters	-Jo Ann Liechty, Robin Trudel

Baptized this Morning . . . Boede David Wyse, son of Chandler & Ashton Wyse. Boede was born February 2, 2021. His sponsors are Caleb Wyse and Bailey Gerken. We welcome our newest member into the Kingdom of God.

Kramp Fund Donations . . . The Kramp Fund was set up a number of years ago in memory of Pastor Kramp, pastor of St. Martin's 1957-1962, for Catechism Camp. One week of camp at one of our Lutheran Outdoor Ministry locations is a part of our Catechism curriculum for our 7th & 8th graders. The cost is approximately \$300.00 per student and part of that cost is covered by the Kramp Fund. If you would like to help with this part of our education ministry, please mark your offering envelope for the Kramp Fund.

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Worship Services: 9:00 am each Sunday

-9:00 Sunday live broadcast on Facebook and YouTube

We welcome one another, therefore, just as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God. - Romans 15:7 ESV

Registration for Archbold Community Vacation Bible School 2021, Knights of North Castle, is now available on the Archbold Community VBS Facebook Page or at



<https://2020.cokesburyvbs.com/archboldcommunityvbs>

for ANY Kiddos, 4yo. – Fourth Grade. VBS will be held Sunday, July 25 – Thursday, July 29 from 6:00-8:00 at Archbold United Methodist Church. Questions? Please call (419) 270.1954.

VBS Donations: Please consider supporting Archbold Community Vacation Bible School by taking a Post-It, purchasing the requested item, and then dropping off to the Narthex by Wednesday, July 21. We appreciate your generosity!

Kurt & Katie Cline will be with us on July 25. Kurt grew up here in Archbold and St. Martin's and is currently a missionary with Freedom International Ministries in the Dominican Republic. Our Fellowship time after worship that day will include a presentation by them on their ministry involvement with Freedom International. One of the largest aspects of their ministry is a graded education program for over 400 students. www.itisforfreedom.com

This Week at St. Martin's

Today – July 11

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast

Tuesday – July 13

Men's Breakfast Bible Study, 6:45, at McDonalds

Wednesday – July 14

Welcome Meal, 5:15 pm, drive through pick-up

Thursday – July 15

Women's Breakfast Bible Study, 7:00, Home Restaurant

Bulletin Deadline, 9:00 am

Next Sunday – July 18

Worship, 9:00 am, live broadcast, Holy Communion

Last Week at St. Martin's . . .

Receipts Week of July 4, 2021, Budget and Year to Date

Operating Contributions	\$3,812.00	Budgeted Weekly Operating Need	\$5,670.00
Benevolence Received	\$330.00	Budgeted Weekly Benevolence Need	\$567.00
Other Designated Income	\$164.00	As of 6/30/2021	
Total Income	\$4,306.00	YTD Operating Received	\$127,144.87
		YTD Operating Expenses	(\$123,043.21)
Attendance	53	Net Income/(Deficit)	\$4,101.66

St. Martin's Prayer Line

For our prayers in worship this morning and our daily devotions in the coming week, we remember:

All Believers as we look for the coming Messiah, may we be ready to see the Son of Man coming in a cloud with power and great glory

All in Need both body & soul that we might know the joy we have in the presence of our Lord, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer and King

Bishop Daniel Beaudoin, Synod Staff members and all the office staff, that they may be supported in their ministry to the Church

The Bethel Parish of Dodoma, St. Martin's Companion Congregation, may they continue to carry out God's ministry and mission in Tanzania

Mission Partner Congregation of Redeemer Lutheran, Toledo may they continue to carry out God's ministry and mission in the Toledo Area

St. Martin's congregation and all involved in the process of calling the next Pastor to St. Martin's

All First Responders, Hospital Staff, Caregivers who have been in harm's way since the outbreak of the coronavirus, may we know the ever-present grace of God

All who have lost family members and friends to the corona virus, may we know the comforting presence of our Lord Jesus Christ

For those who need healing, may they know the healing hand of God

Members of St. Martin's

Dawn Cramer
Jerry Geiger
Sharon Heckel
Ann Ott
Joe Wyse

Family & Friends of St. Martin's

Margaret Benecke, Dan & Jeff Benecke's aunt
Phillip Calvin, Tanya Howell's brother
Jeff Cook, Ann Ott's son
Steven DeNault, June Hayes' friend
Patricia Grover, friend of Melanie Nagel, ACT friends, cancer
Kirk Hummel, son-in-law of Carl & Becky Collins, cancer
Sue Hurst, Archbold area friend
Shelly Kammeyer, daughter in law of Sharon, Leukemia
Amanda Karduck, friend of Sara Adams & Jan Delaney
Diana Kosier, sister of Connie Lauber, cancer treatments
Lois Mininger, June Hayes' cousin
Lu Wolf, Judy (Paul) Wyse's mother

Our Shut-ins Rex Detwiler, Dorothy Huner, Louise Wyse

For those who need God's protection and the assurance that he is near

All St. Martin's Members as they prepare for Ministry

Our College students both close to home and far away

All members, family & friends who serve in our military, Steve & Sara (Delaney) Adams, Patrick Cirenza (June Hayes), Bradley Nilsson (Pat Richards), Christopher Goertz, Brendon Johns, Kasyn Schaffner, Spencer Short

①① Prayer requests for the people of St. Martin's ①①
Please contact the church office by 9:00 am. Thursday
(Note, we include a person's name with permission.)